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LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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STATUTORY AUTHORITY ON LABOUR ISSUES IN SEZS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various Trade Unions have requested the Union Government to set up a statutory authority to handle labour issues in Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to set up the said authority?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): No request from any Trade Union for setting up a statutory authority to handle labour issues in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) has been received. According to the Department of Commerce (Ministry of Commerce and Industry), the nodal Department, all labour laws are applicable in SEZs and thus the rights of workers are protected under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005.